La Saison Lumière
D'INTERCONTINENTAL ATHÉNÉE PALACE

As winter settles over Bucharest,
Athénée Palace comes alive
in the glow of candlelight, crystal
and gilded interiors.

La Saison Lumière invites you
to discover the festive season
through a distinct lens,
where timeless rituals
meet contemporary elegance,
and every gathering becomes
a moment to remember.

Lumière
Heritage
Celebration

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The First Light of the Season

Tree-Lighting Ceremony, the moment when La Saison Lumière begins

The festive season begins with a tree-lighting evening, carefully staged with Christmas music and timeless festive traditions.

On 3 December, join us with loved ones in the historic elegance of Les Colonnades and Regina Maria Ballroom as we unveil the first glow of La Saison Lumière. As the Christmas tree comes to life, the hotel is transformed into a luminous winter setting, inviting guests to pause, celebrate and share in the anticipation of the season ahead.

The evening unfolds with the warmth of festive melodies from around the world, creating a gentle musical journey through cherished Christmas traditions and cultures. A refined selection of festive canapés and delicate desserts will complement the evening, while a special Christmas raffle celebrates the joy of giving which gives the season its special glow.

3 December | 18 : 00 Book your place here.

PRICE: 270 Lei / adult | 135 Lei/child (6 - 12 years old)

Les Colonnades & Regina Maria Ballroom

A Signature Ritual of La Saison Lumière

Festive Afternoon Tea

As winter settles over Bucharest, Café Athénée invites you to pause for an elegant afternoon ritual, reimagined for the festive season.

Surrounded by the timeless atmosphere of the Athénée Palace, enjoy an exquisite selection of seasonal sweet and savoury creations, thoughtfully composed to accompany the gentle ritual of afternoon tea. From delicate bites to festive patisserie, each detail is designed to capture the warmth, refinement and indulgence of La Saison Lumière.

Whether shared with someone special or enjoyed as a quiet winter escape, this is an invitation to slow down, savour the season and linger a little longer.

Discover the complete Festive Afternoon Tea menu.

Available exclusively by prior reservation, with a minimum of 48 hours' notice.

4 December 2026 – 5 January 2027 | 15:00 – 18:00

PRICE: 350 Lei / stand for 2 persons Book your place here.

CAFÉ ATHÉNÉE

Les Délices de la Saison

A Festive Taste of Café Athénée

As the season unfolds, Café Athénée presents Les Délices de la Saison a collection of festive dishes inspired by the flavours, aromas and traditions of winter with an innovative twist.

From elegant savoury creations to indulgent seasonal desserts, each dish offers a refined taste of the festivities, created to be savoured in the timeless setting of Café Athénée.

4 December 2026 - 5 January 2027

See Menu

CAFÉ ATHÉNÉE

Les Saveurs de la Saison

Festive Flavours at JORJ

This festive season, JORJ welcomes the flavours of winter with Les Saveurs de la Saison — a collection of seasonal creations where classic festive ingredients meet the restaurant's distinctive contemporary style.

From indulgent foie gras and tender lamb to Josper - finished black cod, each dish brings together rich seasonal flavours, refined technique and unexpected accents.

The festive selection continues with decadent chocolate, cranberry and winter citrus creations, offering a delicious finale to the season at JORJ.

December 2026

Book your place here. See Menu

JORJ

A Christmas Tale at the Palace

An Afternoon with Santa, Stories & Gingerbread

This Christmas, little dreams come to life at the Palace.

On 20 December, families are invited to JORJ for a festive afternoon filled with imagination, delicious treats and a little Christmas magic.

Children will create their very own gingerbread house, adding their own touch to a sweet Christmas tradition, before meeting Santa Claus and sharing their wishes for Christmas Day.

While the little ones enjoy their festive adventures, the whole family can savour a specially created selection of sweet and savoury treats, from cranberry scones and seasonal fruit tart to mini Christmas creations and festive favourites.

With Santa and his little helpers, festive treats and the joy of creating something together, A Christmas Tale at the Palace is an afternoon to be remembered long after Christmas morning.

20 December 2026 | 15:00 – 17:00

Book your place here.

PRICE: 250 Lei / adult | 125 Lei / child

JORJ

Christmas Eve, Illuminated

A Festive Christmas Eve Dinner at JORJ

Let Christmas Eve unfold around the table at JORJ.

On 24 December, gather with those closest to you for an elegant festive dinner inspired by the flavours of the season.

The evening begins with a delicate foie gras amuse-bouche, followed by a refined succession of smoked trout, scampi tortelloni and tender duck breast, before concluding with a comforting festive dessert of baked apple, cinnamon and vanilla.

Thoughtfully composed and unmistakably JORJ, the four-course experience brings together seasonal ingredients, contemporary technique and the warmth of sharing a special evening around the table.

Raise a glass, savour the evening and let the anticipation of Christmas unfold.

24 December 2026 | 19:00	See Menu
PRICE: 380 Lei / person	Book your place here.

JORJ

La Grande Fête de Noel

A Festive Celebration at Le Diplomate

This Christmas Day, La Saison Lumière reaches its grandest expression at Le Diplomate Ballroom.

Beneath the glow of its historic chandeliers and surrounded by the timeless elegance of one of Bucharest's most iconic spaces, gather with family and friends for Le Grand Brunch de Noël - an abundant celebration of seasonal flavours, festive traditions and the pleasure of being together.
From refined culinary creations and an indulgent selection of fish and seafood to cherished Christmas favourites, lavish desserts and vibrant carving stations, every element is thoughtfully composed to make Christmas Day a feast for the senses.

Celebrate the season of light and beauty in the grandeur of Le Diplomate - where tradition meets contemporary elegance and every detail is illuminated by the highest craft.

25 December 2026 | 13:00 - 17:00 Book your place here.

PRICE: 800 Lei / person | 700 Lei/person - Drink & Drive package

Le Diplomate Ballroom

Celebrations at the Palace

This festive season, bring your team together for an evening shaped by light, heritage and the unmistakable elegance of Athénée Palace.

Whether you envision an intimate gathering, a glamorous lounge party, a lively cocktail celebration or an exquisite seated dinner, our festive experiences are designed to be tailored to your occasion - from the menu and drinks to the setting and atmosphere.

Choose from our historic event spaces, including the magnificent Le Diplomate Ballroom
and the more intimate Regina Maria and Enescu Rooms, each offering a distinctive backdrop for your celebration.

Our culinary team has created a collection of festive buffet menus, ranging from seasonal favourites to more refined premium selections, with live-cooking and carving stations available to elevate the experience further.

From the first welcome to the final toast, let us create a festive gathering that feels entirely your own - a moment to celebrate the year, recognise your team and share the season magic.

Your celebration. Your people. Your festive season, illuminated.

Request a Proposal

La Grande Nuit Lumière

New Year's Eve Gala at Le Diplomate

When midnight arrives, let the Belle Époque shine once more.

As the final evening of the year unfolds, step into the luminous world of La Grande Nuit Lumière - an extraordinary New Year's Eve celebration inspired by the glamour, artistry and joie de vivre of the Belle Époque.

On 31 December, the magnificent Le Diplomate Ballroom becomes a stage for an evening of timeless elegance. Beneath its grand chandeliers and surrounded by the splendour of one of Bucharest's most iconic historic interiors, welcome the New Year in an atmosphere where the past is beautifully brought to life.

A luxurious festive menu sets the tone for the evening, with an abundant succession of refined flavours, elegant culinary creations and indulgent sweet temptations, designed to make every moment at the table part of the celebration.

As the night unfolds, Adi Nour and WOW Entertainment bring their own energy and brilliance to the ballroom, creating an unforgettable soundtrack for a night of music, glamour and celebration.

La Grande Nuit Lumière - a night illuminated by elegance, celebration and the magic of what lies ahead.

31 December 2026 | From: 20:00 Book your place here.

PRICE: 2000 Lei / adult | 1000 Lei/ child up to 12 years old See Menu

Le Diplomate Ballroom

Minuit à JORJ

When the night falls, the celebration begins.

This New Year's Eve, discover Minuit à JORJ - an evening of contemporary elegance, exceptional flavours and effortless celebration, inspired by the luminous spirit of La Saison Lumière.

On 31 December, JORJ sets the scene for a night made for lingering. Expect a sophisticated culinary experience where bold flavours, refined ingredients and beautifully crafted dishes come together in a menu created especially for the occasion.

From the first bite to the final sweet note, every course is designed to make the evening feel like an occasion.

As the hours unfold, the atmosphere grows, the music takes over and the restaurant comes alive with the anticipation of midnight.

Raise a glass, gather your favourite people and let the evening carry you towards the moment when one year gives way to the next.

At JORJ, midnight is not the end of the night.
It is where the celebration truly begins.

31 December 2026 | From: 20:00 Book your place here.

PRICE: 1600 Lei / adult | 800 Lei/ child up to 12 years old See Menu

JORJ

Winter Dreams at the Palace

Festive Accommodation Package

Enhance your celebration with a luxurious stay at our hotel and enjoy special accommodation rates if you are also a guest of our Christmas Brunch or of our New Year Celebrations in Le Diplomate or JORJ Restaurant.

€ **172** per night between 23 - 29 December 2026
€ **233** per night between 30 December 2026 - 2 January 2027

Immerse yourself in comfort and elegance, waking up to the refined atmosphere that perfectly complements your festive experience.

On January 1st, a late breakfast rewards late partiers.

For inquiries and reservations, please write to us at
buhap.reservations@ihg.com

Festive Spa Specials

Celebrate the season of radiance and renewal with our exclusive festive spa experiences - an invitation to pause, unwind and welcome the New Year beautifully restored.

Choose between:

- WINTER WARMTH - deeply restorative ritual created to melt away tension and envelop you in soothing warmth. A hot stone massage is followed by a relaxing head massage, leaving body and mind in a state of profound calm.

- SILENT NIGHT RITUAL - a luxurious journey of renewal from head to toe. Begin with the luminous Golden Glow Scrub, surrender to the flowing, wave-inspired movements of the Californian Wave Massage, and complete the experience with a revitalising Clear Skin Express Facial for a fresh, radiant complexion.

Details here

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